

**Response to Non-Final Office Action**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 3688

For: ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT APPARATUS,  
ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT METHOD,  
STORAGE MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER  
DATA SIGNAL

Examiner: D. Lastra

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2008 (hereinafter “the Office Action”), Applicants state as follows for the above-identified U.S. patent application:

**The presently pending claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.